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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC TIES SOON WITH SAUDI ARABIA

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. BANGLADESH AND SAUDI ARABIA
HAVE DECIDED TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT THE
AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL, ACCORDING TO THE TEXT OF AN
ANNOUNCEMENT RELEASED IN DACCA BY THE MFA ON NOVEMBER
17. ANNOUNCEMENT WAS REPORTEDLY MADE SIMULTANEOUSLY
IN JIDDA. THE BRIEF STATEMENT SIMPLY STATES THAT THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE "DESIROUS OF
DEVELOPING CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS." END UNCLASS-
IFIED.

2. COMMENT. BANGLADESH HAS SINCE ITS INDEPENDENCE
PURSUED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TIES WITH SAUDI ARABIA.
ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE SEEN HERE AS BUTTRESSING INTERNA-
TIONALLY THE LEGITIMACY OF THE MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATION
WHICH RESULTED FROM THE COUP AND COUNTER COUP OF TWO
WEEKS AGO. WITH BANGALEES PRESENTLY SO FEARFUL OF
INDIAN INTENTIONS, AMBASSADORIAL EXCHANGE WILL BE SEEN
BY MANY AS DETERRENT TO INDIAN INTERFERENCE.

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